

INTERROGATORIES

Ministered and to be administered on the Part and Behalf of the Rev. EDW. EVANSON, Clerk, to all and every the pretended Witnesses produced or to be produced on the Part and Behalf of HENRY COLLET, Esq; and NEAST HAVARD, Gent. two of the Parishioners and Inhabitants of Tewkesbury, in the County and Diocese of Gloucester, in a certain pretended Cause of Office, voluntarily promoted by them against the said EDW. EVANSON,—follow, (to wit)

LET each Witness be admonished not to discover or disclose to any Person whatever the Purport or Contents of the Depositions by them made in the said Cause of these Interrogatories, or their Answers thereto, until Publication shall have passed in the said Cause; and then

1st. LET each Witness be asked, Are you or any of your Family directly or indirectly interested in the Event of this Suit? Who first applied to you to be a Witness therein, and who was then present? What Conversation passed between you and the Person so applying to you? Did he or any other Person, and who by Name, then or at any other Time, and when, make use of any and what Persuasions, Threats, or other Inducements, to prevail upon you to be examined in the said Cause? And let each Witness be examined jointly and severally.

2^d. LET each Witness be asked, Do you not know, have you not heard, and do you not believe, that the Promoters have joined with divers other Persons, in forming one general Body, in order to carry on this Prosecution at their joint Expence, and have entered into a general Subscription for that Purpose? If yea, When was such Subscription first began and entered into? And set forth the several Persons by Name, Subscribers to the same, and the Sums each Person has subscribed or engaged for, as far as you know, believe, or have heard? And be it interrogated as before.

3^d. LET each Witness be asked, Have not the several Persons so engaged also agreed to pay among them any Costs of Suit in which the Promoters may be condemned, in Case they should fail in this Prosecution, and consequently are severally interested in the Event thereof? Are you by yourself or any other Person whatsoever a Subscriber for the Purposes aforesaid; and what Sum or Sums have you already subscribed; and do you not look upon yourself answerable for some and what Share of any further Expence that may be necessary towards carrying on the said Prosecution, or the Payment of any Costs in which the Promoters may be condemned, if they should fail therein? And be it interrogated as before.

4th. LET each Witness be asked, Have there not been divers or any Meeting or Meetings between the Promoters and you and other Persons, touching and concerning this Prosecution? Who was or were present at such Meetings; and have not you or some, and which, of your fellow Witnesses consulted and deliberated with the Promoters, or one of them, and received from them, or one of them,

them, or from their Proctor, or some other Person on their Behalf, Instructions respecting the Evidence to be given by you or them on your Examinations in this Cause? Set forth the whole of the Instructions you received, and the Conversation you had upon that Subject? And be it interrogated as before.

5th. LET each Witness be asked, Have you at any Time, and when solicited any Person, and whom by Name to subscribe to or take Part in the Support or Promotion of this Prosecution? And be it interrogated as before.

6th. LET each Witness be asked, Do you frequently attend Divine Service in the Parish Church of *Tewkesbury*, and particularly was you there on *Easter Sunday*, in the Year of our Lord 1771? Did the Ministrant at any Time, and particularly on the said *Sunday* preach Extempore or by Memory; on the contrary, Did he not then and at all Times when you have been at Church, preach from written Notes as you know, believe, and have heard? And be it interrogated as before.

7th. LET each Witness carefully look over the Sermon hereto annexed, and if necessary let them carefully read the same or at least the Passages appearing to be struck through with a Pen, in the first, twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth Pages thereof, and then let them be asked, Is not the same to the best of your Knowledge and Belief, the very Sermon the Ministrant so preached on *Easter Sunday* 1771? And be it interrogated as before.

8th. LET each Witness be asked, Is not the Passage struck through with a Pen, in the first Page of the said Sermon now produced and shewn to you, the very Passage alluded to and meant by the fifteenth Article or Interrogatory given in and admitted against the Ministrant, and upon which you have now been examined, wherein it is said, that he denieth the Divinity of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and asserted that he was a mere Man, and no more than *Adam*, or to that Effect as you know, believe, or have heard, if nay, what other Passage in the said Sermon does the said Article or Interrogatory allude to? And be it interrogated as before.

9th. LET each Witness be asked, Is not the Passage appearing to be struck through with a Pen, in the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth Pages of the said Sermon now produced and shewn you, the very Passage alluded to and meant by the fourteenth Article or Interrogatory given in and admitted against the Ministrant, and upon which you have now been examined as you know, believe, or have heard, if nay, to what other Passage in the said Sermon does the said Article or Interrogatory allude? And be it interrogated as before.

10th. LET each Witness be asked, Is not the Passage mentioned in the next preceding Interrogatory the only Passage in the said Sermon in which the Creeds are spoken of, and is the Athanasian or Nicene Creed therein mentioned? And be it interrogated as before.

11th. LET each witness be asked, Did the Ministrant in his preaching the said Sermon on *Easter Sunday* 1771, once mention the Divinity of Jesus Christ, or is the same once mentioned in the said Sermon? And be it interrogated as before.

12th. LET each Witness be asked, Is the Deposition you have now given, founded entirely upon Circumstances and Facts within your own private Knowledge, or have the same at any of the Meetings held, touching this Prosecution or otherwise been mentioned or called to your Remembrance by other Persons, and should you have thought any Thing about them if they had not been so recalled? Did you attend and give your Evidence in this Matter freely, voluntarily, and of your own accord? And be it interrogated as before.

13th. LET each Witness be asked, do you not know, have you not heard, and do you not believe that the Promoters or one of them have sent for and privately closetted several Persons, and there endeavoured to prevail upon them to become Witnesses or Abettors in this Prosecution, and that they or one of them have threatened to hurt or injure such Persons in their Way of Business, or otherwise, if they did not consent thereto? Do you not know that they have actually taken away their own Business, and induced others to do the same from divers Persons (and whom by Name) who have refused to join them, or expressed their Disapprobation

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probation of this Prosecution or refused to give Evidence therein, set forth all you know, believe, or have heard of the Matters enquired after by this Interrogatory? And be it interrogated as before.

14th. LET each Witness, except the First, be asked, Has any and which of your fellow Witnesses or any other Person, and whom by Name discovered or disclosed to you the Evidence that has been given upon their Examination in this Cause, either upon the Articles or upon these Interrogatories, if yea, when was the same so disclosed to you, and who was then present? Have you since or at that Time been taught or instructed by any Person, and whom by Name, what you was to say or depose upon your Examination, or was to avoid deposing thereon? And be it interrogated as before.

15th. LET each Witness that is examined upon the Twenty-second Article, be asked, was not the whole Nicene Creed read, repeated, or said on the first Sunday in October, 1772, in the public Service in the Parish Church of Tewkesbury, at the Time prescribed in the Rubrick in the Book of Common Prayer, between the Ministrant and the officiating Clerk of the said Parish.

16th. LET the Witness JOHN PITT, besides the foregoing Interrogatories, be asked, Did not the Ministrant lend you the written Sermon he preached on Easter-Sunday, 1771, within a few Days after he preached the same, and did you not read the same at your Leisure, and do you not believe that the written Sermon he so lent you was the same which he preached in the Parish Church of Tewkesbury, on the said Easter Sunday, 1771, and that the written Sermon now produced and shewn to you is the very same which he so lent you? And be it interrogated as before.

17th. LET the Witness ANN PITT, Spinster, besides the foregoing Interrogatories, be asked, Did not the Ministrant lend your Brother the written Sermon he preached on Easter-Sunday, 1771, within a few Days after he preached the same, and did you not then read the same Sermon or hear it read; and do you not believe that the written Sermon he so lent your Brother was the same which he preached in the Parish Church of Tewkesbury on the said Easter-Sunday, 1771, and that the written Sermon now produced and shewn to you is the very same which he so lent your Brother? And be it interrogated as before.

18th. LET the Witness RICHARD DAVIS, Clerk, be asked, Are you not a Priest of the Church of England? Were you not Curate or Assistant to the Ministrant from April 2, 1773, to April 2, 1774? During that whole Time on every Sacrament Day when the Ministrant was at Church, was not the whole Communion Service, as directed by the Rubrick, always performed between you and him? Was either the Exhortation or Blessing alluded to in the 21st Article or Interrogatory given in and admitted against the Ministrant, and upon which you have been examined, ever once omitted to be read in that whole Year of your Curacy? And be it interrogated as before.

INTERROGATORY in the second Place ministered and to be administered on the Part and Behalf of the Rev. EDW. EVANSON, Clerk, to SAMUEL HARWARD, Stationer, one of the pretended Witnesses produced on the Part and Behalf of HENRY COLLET, Esq; and NEAST HAVARD, Gentleman, two of the Parishioners and Inhabitants of Tewkesbury, in the County and Diocese of Gloucester, in a certain pretended Cause of Office, voluntarily promoted by them against the said EDW. EVANSON, follows (to wit)

LET the said Witness SAMUEL HARWARD in the second Place be asked, Did not the Ministrant, between Michaelmas and Christmas, in the Year 1772, talk with you about procuring, for the Use of the Children of the Charity School at Tewkesbury, an Explanation of the Use and Meaning of the several Parts of the Liturgy of the Church of England, which is used by the Foundling Hospital; and did not the Ministrant, on the 2d of December, 1772, give you an Order for Twelve Common Prayer Books, with Twelve of the said Explanations, bound up together, for the Use of the said Children of the Charity-School at Tewkesbury?

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INTERROGATORY *ministered and to be administered on the Part and Behalf of the Rev. EDW. EVANSON, Clerk, to ROBERT RAIKES, of the City of Gloucester, Printer, one of the pretended Witnesses produced on the Part and Behalf of HENRY COLLET, Esq; and NEAST HAVARD, Gent. in a certain pretended Cause of Office voluntarily promoted by them against the said EDWARD EVANSON, followeth (to wit)*

LET the said ROBERT RAIKES be asked, Hath any Threat, Promise, or Persuasion been used towards you or any of your Fellow Witnesses, to your Knowledge or Belief, by the Promoters of this Prosecution or either of them, or by their Proctor or any other Person on their Behalf, to induce you to give Evidence in this Cause? Set forth the Particulars of every such Threat, Promise, or Persuasion, and the Names of the Person or Persons by and to whom such Threats, Promises, or Solicitations have been used.

